AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11. (currently amended) A facsimile apparatus transmitting image data to a relay Internet facsimile apparatus via PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Networks), the relay Internet facsimile apparatus transmitting the image data to a plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet, each of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses having a sub-address and an IP address, the facsimile apparatus comprising:

an input ~~device~~ configured to input the image data;

a panel configured to input predetermined information identifying the relay Internet facsimile apparatus and ~~a plurality of~~ sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus having a memory that stores ~~a plurality of~~ IP addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to ~~the plurality of~~ the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses; and

a controller that, when the predetermined information and the ~~plurality of the~~ sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses are input by the panel, transmits, to the relay Internet facsimile apparatus via the PSTN, the input image data and the ~~plurality of the~~ input sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses, based on the input predetermined information identifying the relay Internet facsimile apparatus, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus converting the

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transmitted image data into data for Internet transmission and relaying the converted data to the plurality of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet, based on the ~~plurality of the~~ IP addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to the ~~plurality of the~~ sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses stored in the memory of the relay Internet facsimile apparatus.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein, when the panel inputs a plurality of the predetermined information identifying a plurality of the relay Internet facsimile apparatuses and when the plurality of the sub-addresses corresponding to each of the plurality of the predetermined information are input, the controller transmits, to the plurality of the relay Internet facsimile apparatuses, the input image data and the plurality of the sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses, based on each of the plurality of the predetermined information identifying the plurality of the relay Internet facsimile apparatuses.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel includes a plurality of one-touch buttons, the predetermined information identifying the relay Internet facsimile apparatus and the plurality of the sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses being input by the plurality of the one-touch buttons.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the controller transmits, to the relay Internet facsimile apparatus via the PSTN, the plurality of the sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatus using a NSS signal.

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Claim 15. (previously presented) The facsimile apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the predetermined information comprises a telephone number of the relay Internet facsimile apparatus.

Claim 16. (currently amended) A relay Internet facsimile apparatus, comprising:

a memory configured to store a plurality of IP addresses of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to a plurality of sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses;

a communicator configured to receive, from a transmitting facsimile apparatus, via PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Networks), image data and the plurality of the sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses in a single facsimile transmission; and

a controller that, when the ~~plurality of the~~ sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses are received, converts the received image data into data for Internet transmission, and relays the converted data to the plurality of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet, based on the plurality of the IP addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to the ~~plurality of the~~ sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses stored in the memory.

Claim 17. (currently amended) A communication method for transmitting image data via a relay Internet facsimile apparatus to a plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses using a facsimile apparatus, each of the plurality of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses having a sub-address and an IP address, the facsimile apparatus

transmitting the image data to the relay Internet facsimile apparatus via PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Networks), the communication method comprising:

inputting predetermined information identifying the relay Internet facsimile apparatus and a plurality of sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus having a memory that stores a plurality of IP addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to the plurality of the sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses;

scanning the image data;

transmitting, when the predetermined information and the plurality of the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses are input by the panel, to the relay Internet facsimile apparatus via the PSTN, the scanned image data and the plurality of the input sub-addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses, based on the input predetermined information identifying the relay Internet facsimile apparatus, the relay Internet facsimile apparatus converting the transmitted image data into data for Internet transmission and relaying the converted data to the plurality of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses via the Internet, based on the plurality of the IP addresses of the receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses corresponding to the plurality of the sub-addresses of the plurality of receiving Internet facsimile apparatuses stored in the memory of the relay Internet facsimile apparatus.